

**EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION
OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL
MATERIAL FROM THE PREHISPANIC CULTURES OF THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR**

The Department of State refers the Embassy of El Salvador to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of El Salvador Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material from the Prehispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador done at Washington March 8, 1995 (hereinafter referred to as "the MOU").

The Department proposes that, pursuant to Article IV A of the MOU, the MOU be extended for an additional five-year period.

The Department proposes further that, pursuant to Article IV B of the MOU, the MOU be amended by replacing Article II with the attached Article II.

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Republic of El Salvador, the Department of State proposes that this note, including the attached Article II, and the Embassy's note in reply, shall constitute an agreement to extend and amend the MOU, which shall enter into force on the date of your note in reply and shall be effective March 8, 2000.

Attachment:
As stated.

Department of State, Washington, March 7, 2000.

ARTICLE II

A. The Government of the Republic of El Salvador will use its best efforts to encourage long- and short-term loans, for research and scientific purposes, of its archaeological materials under circumstances in which such exchange does not jeopardize its cultural patrimony and when consistent with the responsibilities of the National Council for Culture and Art (CONCULTURA), as carried out in accordance with the Special Law for the Protection of Cultural Patrimony of El Salvador.

B. Representatives of the Government of the United States of America will participate in joint efforts with representatives of the Government of the Republic of El Salvador to publicize and enforce this Memorandum of Understanding.

C. The Government of the United States of America will continue to use its best efforts to facilitate technical assistance in cultural resource management and security to El Salvador, as appropriate under existing programs in the public and/or private sectors.

D. Both countries will seek to encourage academic institutions, non-governmental institutions, and other private organizations to cooperate in the interchange of knowledge and information about the cultural patrimony of El Salvador, and to collaborate in the preservation and protection of such cultural patrimony through appropriate technical assistance, training, and resources.

E. The Government of the Republic of El Salvador will use its best efforts to systematically continue with the registration of cultural property as required by its law.

F. The Government of the Republic of El Salvador will continue, and strengthen where possible, its efforts to educate the public regarding its 1993 Special Law and the importance of protecting archaeological sites.

G. The Government of the Republic of El Salvador will continue to endeavor to strengthen technical and financial cooperation within Central America, and especially with immediately neighboring states, for the protection of the cultural patrimony of the region, and with international organizations as well.

H. The Government of the Republic of El Salvador will use its best efforts to ensure the enforcement, interdiction, and prosecution of its illicit exports of archaeological materials and that records of arrests related to looters and the seizure of cultural property be made public.